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The Roman forces proceeded from the Danube toward Syria, During 243 they defeated the Persians at Rhesaina in northern Mesopotamia and recovered control of Carrhae and Nisibis. In the midst of the campaign Tunesithus fell ill and died. He was replaced as praetorian commander by Marcus Julius Philippus, known as Philip the Arab.

Philip the Arab, native of a small town in the region of Trachonitis, in south-western Syria. He had risen through the ranks to become praetorian commander under Gordian III, succeeding the trusty TIMESITHAEUS when the latter died toward end of 243

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Philip the Arab, co-regent  
in 243

murdered Gordianus III  
in 244

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Plague on Yellow River  
locality in China

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Sapor (Persia) invades Syria.